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1. SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVES OF TEN COUNTRIES ATTENDED APRIL 22 OCAM SUMMIT WHICH REPORTEDLY AGREED TO INSTITUTE GUARANTEE AND COOPERATION FUND AT $20 MILLION LEVEL AND DECIDED APPORTIONMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS. SUMMIT EMPHASIZED OCAM'S DESIRE TO OPEN ITS COMMON TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS TO INTERESTED AFRICAN

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COUNTRIES, BUT POSTPONED DECISION ON FUTURE RELATIONSHIP
OF THESE ENTITIES WITH PARENT ORGANIZATION. IN OPENING ADDRESS,
PRESIDENT SENGHOR CITED NEED TO FIND APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR ASSURING
SECURITY OF AFRICAN STATES, ECHOING PROMINENT THEME OF FRANCO-
AFRICAN SUMMIT CONCLUDED PREVIOUS DAY. NEXT OCAM SUMMIT TAKES PLACE
IN BENIN IN 1978. END SUMMARY.

2. APRIL 22 ORGANISATION COMMUNE AFRICAINE ET MAURICIENNE
(OCAM) EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT IN DAKAR WAS PRESIDED OVER BY
RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AND ATTENDED BY HEADS OF STATE OF
IVORY COAST, NIGER, SENEGAL, SEYCHELLS, TOGO AND UPPER VOLTA, AS
WELL AS CENTRAL AFRICAN AND MAURITIAN PRIME MINISTERS AND BENIN'S
MINISTER OF FINANCE. FOLLOWING PREVIOUS DAY'S MINISTERIAL
PREPARATORY SESSION, CONFERENCE INCLUDED PUBLIC OPENING CEREMONY,
THREE-HOUR CLOSED-DOOR WORKING SESSION AND READING OF FINAL
COMMUNIQUE BY OCAM SECRETARY GENERAL SYDNEY MOUTTIA.

3. IN MESSAGE OF WELCOME, SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR COMMENTED
THAT SUMMIT WAS TAKING PLACE IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CALLED FOR
"DEEP REFLECTION BY EACH OF US ON THE GRAVE SITUATION IN WHICH
IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICTS IMPORTED INTO AFRICA THREATEN TO PLUNGE
OUR CONTINENT INTO BLOODY ADVENTURES." SPEAKING OF OCAM'S
DETERMINATION TO ASSUME ITS PROPER ROLE IN "INTERNATIONAL CIR-
CUMSTANCES WHICH MARK OUR TIMES," SENGHOR SAID, "MORE PRECISELY,
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE FIND...THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS TO
ASSURE THE SECURITY OF EADCH OF OUR STATES BY THE RESPECT,
FOR ALL, OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF OTHERS."

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4. BY CONTRAST, RWANDAN HEAD OF STATE HABYARIMANA, CURRENT
OCAM PRESIDENT, GAVE ADDRESS STRESSING "PRIMACY OF ECONOMIC
OBJECTIVES" AT EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT. "OUR MISSION," HE SAID,
"IS TO DISSIPATE TODAY'S INTENSIFIED MISTRUST AND PREJUDICES
TO REINFORCE COMPREHENSION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES."
WHAT WE ENVISAGE, HE CONTINUED, IS NORTHING OTHER THAN INTER-
AFRICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WHICH IS THE ONLY WAY TOWARD AN
AFRICAN COMMON MARKET. OCAM, HE CONCLUDED, COULD PLAY MAJOR ROLE
IN REALIZING THAT GOAL.

5. FINAL COMMUNIQUE INDICATED THAT CONFERENCE HAD EXAMINED
DOCUMENT PREPARED BY SENEGAL (AT REQUEST OF FEBRUARY OCAM SUMMIT)
ON RELATIONS BETWEEN OCAM AND ITS COMMON AGENCIES, AS WELL AS FORMULA
FOR APPORTIONMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCAM GUARANTEE AND COOPER-
ATION FUND. CONFERENCE "REAFFIRMED THE WILL OF THE MEMBER STATES TO
PURSUE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
WITHIN THE OCAM FRAMEWORK AND TO SEEK THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIES
BETWEEN THE COMMON AGENCIES ON THE ONE HAND AND OCAM ON THE OTHER,
OF A TYPE TO ASSURE THE LARGEST POSSIBLE OPENING." HOWEVER,

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PARTICIPANTS JUDGED IT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE "MORE TIME FOR REFLECTION" ON RELATIONS BETWEEN AGENCIES AND OCAM, WITH SECRETARIAT GENERAL REQUESTED TO "CENTRALIZE" DIFFERENT EXISTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY NEXT YEAR'S COTONOU SUMMIT.

6. CONCERNING MEMBER STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO GUARANTEE AND COOPERATION FUND, COMMUNIQUE INDICATED THAT CONFERENCE "FIXED DEFINITIVE RATES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS OF SOLIDARITY." IT DID NOT DISCLOSE FORMULA TO BE APPLIED, BUT CONTRIBUTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO VARY ACCORDING TO MEANS OF EACH COUNTRY. MEDIA HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT CAPITAL OF FUND HAS BEEN FIXED AT 5 BILLION CFA FRANCS (ROUGHLY $20 MILLION), BUT THIS AGREEMENT DID NOT APPEAR IN COMMUNIQUE AS PUBLISHED.

7. COMMUNIQUE REAFFIRMED DECISION (TAKEN EARLIER AT KIGALI SUMMIT) THAT COMMON AGENCIES SHOULD BE OPEN TO NON-OCAM MEMBERS, AND DESIRE TO OPEN PARTICIPATION IN THIS FASHION WAS STRESSED IN
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PUBLIC REMARKS BY SENGHOR AND HABYARIMANA, AS WELL AS IN BRIEF, POST-SUMMIT PRESS CONFERENCE. HABYARIMANA STATED: "OUR COMMON TRAINING AND RESEARCH ENTERPRISES MUST BE OPEN TO ANY AFRICAN STATE WHICH WISHES TO ADHERE TO THEM."

8. COMMUNIQUE CERTIFIED THAT CONFERENCE HAD TAKEN PLACE IN "FRANK, LOYAL AND AUTHENTICALLY AFRICAN ATMOSPHERE," AND LOCAL PRESS PROCLAIMED INSTITUTION OF OCAM FUND "AN INCONTESTABLE SUCCESS," ASSERTING THAT ALLOCATION OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS CONSTITUTED "A MODEL OF COOPERATION" UNDER WHICH "THE LESS POOR WILL GUARANTEE THE POOREST."

9. OCAM SPOKESMEN REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT NO NEW MEMBERS AND NO PLANNED WITHDRAWALS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AT DAKAR SUMMIT.

10. FOLLOWING CLOSURE OF FRANCO-AFRICAN CONFERENCE, PRESIDENTS OF GABON, CHAD AND MALI DEPARTED DAKAR EARLY APRIL 22, PRIOR TO OCAM SUMMIT, WHILE TOGOLESE HAD OF STATE LEFT SENEGAL LATE SAME DAY. IVORY COAST FINANCE MINISTER BEDIE DEPARTED DAKAR APRIL 22 FOR WASHINGTON TO ATTEND APRIL 26-27 IBRD/IMF MEETINGS. FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING PAID SATURDAY VISIT TO SENEGAL'S NORTHERN FLEUVE REGION (WHERE HE AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR OVERFLEW SITE FOR DIAMA SALT INTRUSION DAM ON SENEGAL RIVER) PRIOR TO GISCARD'S DEPARTURE FROM SENEGAL APRIL 23.
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